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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM PICNIC MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

9:00 AM— 11:00 AM 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAITH HIKE
WITH DEACON MIKE

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE FAITH FORMATION

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 9:30 AM 3RD & 4TH GRADE FAITH
FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — NEW
OFFICER INSTALLATION

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

FOR LABOR DAY



Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Observances for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

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St. Catherine's Rosary Society Welcomes New Members

St. Catherine's Rosary Society warmly invites all parishioners to attend our next meeting on **Sunday, September 10th at 12 Noon**. Weather permitting, we will meet outside in the Mary Garden or in the Church, where we will pray the Rosary, discuss our plans for the upcoming year and have a time of fellowship.

We are a spiritual and social group, dedicated to increasing devotion to Our Blessed Mother and her Rosary, as well as providing numerous fundraising activities for our parish. Come and get closer to Mary, make new friends, and participate in one of St. Catherine's most vital and rewarding ministries.

For more information, please call Yasmine Hernandez-Manno (973) 229-4368

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 10th, at noon



We will pray the Rosary and then follow with our monthly meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

ST. CATHERINE'S GOT TALENT

Parish Picnic

Sunday • September 17

Picnic Foods - Appetizer Table - Desserts
Ice Cream Truck ♦ Crafts ♦ Silent Auction

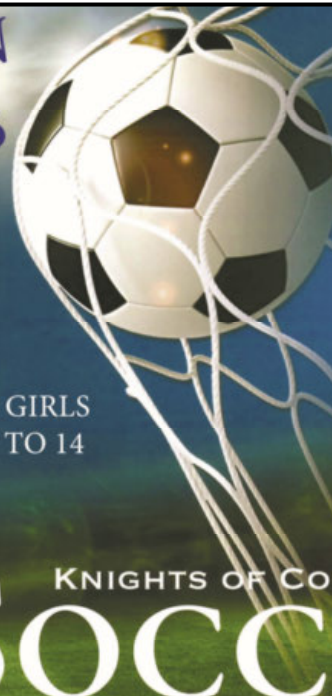
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Tickets on sale after all Masses beginning August 12/13
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SOCCER CHALLENGE



FAITH IN ACTION

For more information call Mark Kubian
732-422-6463 or email: mkkubian@gmail.com



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR ANNUAL
ST. CATHERINE'S PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
12 — 4 PM**

The year went by so quickly, and it is time to finalize planning our parish picnic.

We cannot have a successful event without our wonderful volunteers. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. All adults & teens are welcomed.

Mark your calendars for future picnic meetings:
September 7th

All meetings are on Thursday, from 6:30 — 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your ideas and suggestions! Please plan to attend, even if you cannot make it to all the meetings.

Call or text Debbie Fass to **RSVP at (973) 222-8100**.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the formation program for non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic and for baptized Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation). Classes begin this fall and will run through Easter. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Mike Meyer at deaconmikemeyer@hotmail.com for more information. Going forward, we will have the RCIA program every other year, so if you do not sign up this year, the next class will be in the Fall of 2025.



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on **Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM**.

Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

The Mass Book for 2024 is now open.

No emails or phone calls will be accepted to reserve Masses.



*We would like to welcome
The Calka Family
The Lapczynski Family
The Lopez Family
The Steinke Family
to St. Catherine of Siena Parish.*



This year, in conjunction with our Parish Picnic, we will be holding a Silent Auction. I am asking all of our parishioners for help in order to make this a successful fundraiser for our parish. All monies collected will be put towards our New Parish Center.

If you would like to donate a themed basket full of wonderful goodies, Thank You. I could give you suggestions if you need assistance. Should you have any new items laying around and would like to donate those to us, our team of helpers could put a basket together.

This year, again, we will not be soliciting stores as we have in the past. If you personally know someone outside of our parish community that would like to donate, please accept the donation with our most humble appreciation.

Also, if you have any baskets, new or used that we could use, I will have a container downstairs in the church starting the first weekend of July.

For any questions or concerns, please call Carol Rocha at 908-616-2397 or via email at crocha@hcrhs.org

COME & JOIN THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON FUN!

St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry



St. Catherine's Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the love of needlework with the love to help those in need. Blessings are knitted into every prayer shawl and baptismal blanket we create. Each item is blessed by a priest and given to someone for whom it will be a meaningful keepsake.

Our group **meets every Tuesday, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. All who would like to help are welcome, and yes, we do help beginners learn to knit and crochet!

Please drop in or contact Donna Mustillo at (908) 237-0211 for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday: September 2, 2023

4:30 PM Ann Simone
r/o The DiFazio Family

Sunday: September 3, 2023

8:00 AM Joseph Bonk
r/o The Mauro Family

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM The Muir Family
r/o Fr. Chester

Monday: September 4, 2023

8:00 AM Ubaldo Villaverde
r/o Pam O'Farrell

Tuesday: September 5, 2023

8:00 AM Sue Quick Birthday Blessing's

Wednesday: September 6, 2023

7:00 PM Michael Mauro
r/o Jennifer & David Perna

Thursday: September 7, 2023

8:00 AM Imre Nemeth
r/o Pearl & John Traub

Friday: September 8, 2023

8:00 AM Joseph & Betty Kosinski
r/o The Kosinski Family

Saturday: September 9, 2023

4:30 PM Fr. Paul Viale
r/o Irene & Paul Morrongiello

Sunday: September 10, 2023

8:00 AM Inocentes Maligaya Sr.
r/o Tee Andersen

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM Albert Reider
r/o Carol & Mario Francmacaro

From the Pastor's Desk

Labor Day

This Monday we celebrate **Labor Day** and we honor all those who labor for a living. We thank them for their service to their families, and for their service to all those who benefit from their efforts. As we know, prayer and work go hand in hand. Therefore we are invited to pray in a special way for all laborers. We also pray for the unemployed and underemployed, and pray that more opportunities for gainful employment will materialize for those in need.

Pope Francis throughout his life has experienced the reality and rewards of hard work. He has recently stated that work "...is fundamental to the dignity of the person. It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, (and) to contribute to the growth of one's own nation." Just a few years ago, Pope Benedict also spoke about the value of human labor. He reminded us that Jesus himself was a laborer and that labor is clearly important to the human experience. He urged us to respect the importance of labor and the laborer.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recognizes the importance of the laborer and Labor Day. It recently issued a pronouncement that stated that "... work helps us to realize our humanity and is necessary for human flourishing." "Labor Day gives us the chance to see how work in America matches up to the lofty ideals of our Catholic tradition."

As we celebrate this day, we are invited to make it more than a day of rest and cookouts. It should also be a day of prayer as we honor those who labor in the spirit of Jesus and St. Joseph. We therefore once again share with you this wonderful prayer provided by one of our Catholic spiritual organizations.

LABOR DAY PRAYER

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor – in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work, may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

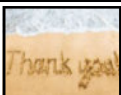
We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

Fr. Chester



The collection for August 27th was \$3,815 (134 envelopes) for the regular collection.



On-Line Giving for August 27th was \$3,038.00 (101 donors).

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